



Hull Truck Theatre Season Brochure

January to July 2024

You can book tickets online at www.hulltruck.co.uk, by calling the Box Office on 01482 323638 or by popping into the theatre on Ferensway.

If you are unable to book online, communicate via telephone, or visit us in person, please email boxoffice@hulltruck.co.uk

Welcome

Welcome to Hull Truck Theatre's Spring/ Summer season, where the stage is set for a line-up of unmissable entertainment and unforgettable moments! We are delighted to present an eclectic selection of productions that will captivate audiences of all ages and tastes.

This Spring/ Summer, get ready to embark on a theatrical adventure with five standout shows. *Animal Farm* promises to be a thought-provoking and entertaining production that brings George Orwell's timeless allegory to life, whilst *Little Shop of Horrors* will have you laughing and singing along as it weaves a delightful tale of love, laughter, and killer plants. Pilot Theatre will be returning with their new production *A Song for Ella Grey*, offering a moving and captivating experience and the John Godber Company will present the very first play John ever wrote *Happy Jack*.

Blackeyed Theatre will also present a cornerstone of modern musical theatre: *Oh What a Lovely War*.

These shows are all available as part of our Drama Deal so why not try something new or organise another night out with friends to take advantage of this brilliant offer.

But that's not all – we're proud to feature a new local gem in our programme. *Guts! The Musical* written by Maureen Lennon and performed by a Community Cast tells the extraordinary story of Hull's fish packers fight for equal pay for equal work, providing a fascinating

glimpse into the city's rich maritime heritage. It's a tale that's close to home, and is sure to resonate with our audiences.

For families and children, our productions through the school holidays are packed with excitement. The Herd's *Snowmen* is the perfect activity for that first chilly week of the new year and the on-stage adaptation of the three *Shark in the Park* books will brighten up February half term, alongside our successful *Great Adventures* programme in each school holiday offering an opportunity to take the crafting out of the house and into a fun interactive play that uses what you have made.

Beyond the world of drama, Hull Truck Theatre continues to bring you a rich tapestry of music, comedy and cinema, ensuring that there's something for everyone. So, whether you're a theatre aficionado, a family looking for fun, or simply seeking a great night out, our Spring/Summer season has it all.

We can't wait to welcome you to the heart of Hull and share these moments of laughter, inspiration, and pure entertainment.

Mark Babych

Artistic Director

and

Janthi Mills-Ward

Executive Director

Booking & Box Office Information

The Box Office is open Tuesday to Saturday, 11am until 5pm and from 1 hour before the show on performance nights.

Telephone: 01482 32 36 38

Website: www.hulltruck.co.uk

Tickets can be booked online, 24hrs a day.

Pay What You Can (PWYC)

PWYC performances are a great way to try something new, attend the theatre for the first time, or enable you to attend if your current financial situation is tight. You can pay as little as £3 per ticket. Max. of 6 tickets per customer.

Income Related Benefits

Customers who receive Income Related Benefits can book Band C seats for a reduced rate on Sat and Wed matinee performances of Hull Truck Theatre productions. For full T&Cs, please go to our website or ask at the Box Office.

Terms & Conditions

Hull Truck Theatre's T&Cs will be regularly updated to reflect the most up to date information with regards to your visit. Details can be found by searching 'Terms' on our website.

Shoot the Bull Café Bar

The café bar is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 5pm, and from 5pm until the evening performance starts.

On all other performance days, the café bar will be open from 2 hours before an afternoon show. And from 5pm until the evening performance starts.

Last food orders are 30 mins before the show starts. Opening hours may vary for morning shows, please enquire with the Box Office.

Drama Deal

See more shows for less with Hull Truck Theatre's Drama Deal. Giving you the best seats in the house and access to exceptional drama at affordable prices.

Shows in the Drama Deal include:

- *A Song For Ella Grey* (5 - 9 Mar)
- *Oh What A Lovely War* (19 - 23 Mar)
- *Animal Farm* (27 Mar - 13 Apr)
- *Little Shop Of Horrors* (22 May - 8 Jun)
- *Happy Jack* (11 - 15 Jun)

2 shows for £35 - saving you up to £24 per person!

3 shows for £51 - saving almost £31 per person!

4 shows for £66 - just £16.50 per ticket!

5 shows for £80 - saving up to £46 per person!

Access

Audio Description provides information about the visual elements of a show, for those who are blind or visually impaired. The Box Office can provide an infra-red headset, upon request, and audio description is delivered live, in between dialogue.

Touch Tours are available 90 mins prior to the audio described show and last approx. 30 mins. Touch Tours allow blind and visually impaired patrons the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the set, costumes, and props, ahead of the show. Spaces must be booked with the Box Office, 24hrs in advance, or online when buying tickets.

Theatre Captions are similar to television subtitles and convert spoken word into visible text that provides those who are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing with access to live performances.

British Sign Language (BSL) performances enable Deaf BSL users to understand the performance through the signs of an interpreter, who is on stage during the performance. Performances with integrated BSL involve the BSL interpreter being part of the action onstage.

Relaxed performances are specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed environment. They include additional lighting, a friendly attitude to noise and movement in the theatre, and we can also offer additional space if requested.

Assistance dogs are welcome in the theatre and performance spaces. If you are going to be accompanied by an assistance dog please contact the Box Office, in advance of booking, so that we can make arrangements to either seat you together during the show or dog-sit for you.

Baby Friendly Performances are designed for customers with children under 18 months. These performances will have a relaxed atmosphere and friendly attitude to noise and movement in the theatre. Facilities include: additional changing tables both inside and outside of the auditorium, highchairs, bottle warming, buggy park, and a baby play area.

Booking Access Tickets Online

If you regularly require a wheelchair space or best view of captions screens/ BSL interpreter seats, we would love to show you how to book them online yourself. You can visit the Access page on our website and find instructions under 'Accessible Guides & Info', or contact the Box Office.

Made by Hull Truck Theatre

March – April

Wed 27 Mar – Sat 13 Apr, 7.30pm

Matinees: 28, 30 Mar & 3, 6, 13 Apr, 2pm

Pay What You Can: Wed 27 Mar, 7.30pm

Schools Perf: 9, 10, 11 Apr, 10.15am

Hull Truck Theatre, Octagon Theatre Bolton & Derby
Theatre present

Animal Farm

Based on the novel by George Orwell

Adapted by Ian Wooldridge

Directed by Iqbal Khan

A powerful re-telling of George Orwell's chilling and timeless classic. When the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master and take over, they imagine it is the beginning of a life of freedom and equality for all. However, over time a cunning and brutal elite among them, masterminded by the pigs Napoleon and Snowball, gradually take control. Soon the other animals discover that they are not all as equal as they once thought and find themselves ensnared as one tyranny is replaced with another. Orwell's enduring and devastating satire about the corruption of power will be brought vividly to life on stage in this compelling drama.

Recommended Age: 11+

Tickets: £29.50 – £10

Conc.: £3 off standard & peak performances

Access Performances

Relaxed: Sat 6 Apr, 2pm & Wed 10 Apr, 10.15am

Integrated BSL: Thu 11 Apr, 7.30pm

Touch Tour: Fri 12 Apr, 6pm

Audio Described: Fri 12 Apr, 7.30pm

Captioned: Sat 13 Apr, 2pm

Part of the Drama Deal

May – June

Wed 22 May – Sat 8 Jun, 7.30pm

Matinees: 25, 29 May, 1,5 & 8 Jun, 2pm

Pay What You Can: Wed 22 May, 7.30pm

Hull Truck Theatre, New Wolsey Theatre, Theatre By
The Lake, and Octagon Theatre Bolton present

Little Shop of Horrors

Book and lyrics by Howard Ashman

Music by Alan Menken

Directed by Lotte Wakeham

The mean green monster musical comes to Hull! Downtown on Skid Row, weedy flower shop assistant Seymour is down on his luck until he stumbles across a mysterious new plant with killer potential. Fame and fortune follow but will this win the attention of the girl of his dreams, or will the insatiable appetite of his carnivorous plant get out of control?! Feed the need for musical hilarity with this devilishly delicious sci-fi smash hit musical that has devoured the hearts of audiences around the globe and now comes to the Hull Truck Theatre in this brand-new production. Filled with incredible rock and roll music, be prepared to laugh, scream, and be convinced to give up gardening for life!

Recommended Age: 11+

Tickets: £29.50 – £10

Conc.: £3 off standard & peak performances

Access Performances

Captioned: Tue 28 May, 7.30pm

Baby Friendly: Fri 31 May, 11am

Integrated BSL: Tue 4 Jun, 7.30pm

Relaxed: Wed 5 Jun, 2pm

Touch Tour: Thu 6 Jun, 6pm

Audio Described: Thu 6 Jun, 7.30pm

Part of the Drama Deal

June - July

Sat 29 Jun – SAT 6 Jul, 7.30pm

Matinees: 29 Jun & 6 Jul, 2pm

Pay What You Can: Sat 29 Jun, 2pm

Hull Truck Theatre & Hull Maritime present a
community production of

Guts! The Musical

The Story of the Hull Fish Packers

By Maureen Lennon

Directed by Tom Saunders

The year is 1984. 15 women in a fish packing factory in Hull are about to make history... In the decade that brought us the Walkman, MTV, chicken nuggets and shoulder pads, something else was brewing: a revolution about equal pay. Following Union Rep. Peter Allen on his fight for factory workers, this is a whirlwind re-telling of the groundbreaking case which changed the equalities act in the UK forever.

Demanding equal pay for equal work, should be easy, right? Wrong! This story is an important part of our city's rich maritime history, which goes way beyond the Headscarf Revolutionaries. An upbeat and uplifting tale about justice, the power of female friendship and... fish... with a whole load of hilarity and musical joy thrown in for good measure. Join us as the whole

community come together to present this highly entertaining farcical drama which is based on a true story.

Made in Dagenham meets Barbie (The Movie).

Recommended Age: 7+

Tickets: £22.50 - £10

Concessions available

Access Performances

Relaxed: Sat 6 Jul, 2pm

Captioned: Sat 6 Jul, 7.30pm

School Holiday Fun

Hull Truck Theatre Presents

Great Adventures

For adventurers aged 3-6

February half-term

Sat 10 & Mon 12 February

Easter holidays

Sat 30 March

Tue 2 & Wed 3 April

May half-term

Sat 25, Tue 28 & Wed 29 May

Session 1

Arts & crafts: 10am

Show: 10.45am

Session 2

Arts & crafts: 11.30am

Show: 12.15pm

Start your school holidays by coming on a great adventure. Take on pirates. Explore the jungle. Journey across the desert. Save the day!

Tickets: £6.50 per child, one free accompanying adult (no adult ticket required)

April

Thu 18 – Sat 20 Apr, 7pm

Matinee: Sat 20, 2pm

Tickets: £10

Conc.: £2 off

Hull Truck Theatre's Young Creators present

The Dutch Dash

Created by the company.

Three friends on a mad dash, on the run to Rotterdam. No one knows where they are going or why they've gone and to be honest they're not even sure. But armed with confidence, naivety, and a lot of anxiety they leave behind worried parents, wild rumours and a secret that may have come with them. Will they survive? Will their friendships survive? Will Rotterdam survive? *The Dutch Dash* is a coming-of-age story created by Hull Truck Theatre's Young Creators that is full of quirky characters, comedy and heartfelt moments.

May

Fri 17 – Sat 18 May, 7pm

Matinee: Sat 18, 2pm

Tickets: £10

Conc.: £2 off

Act III presents

Sense & Sustainability

Created by the company with Lydia Marchant

In the centre of a fictional down-on-its luck northern town, next to the car park and just left of the Tesco express... Sits a serene garden. Planted and pruned

and by a team of green-fingered and gossipy volunteers. But when the dark truth about the garden's origins come to light, the unlikely gardeners are divided: should it stay, or should it go? And is a good thing, still good, if its roots are bad?

January – March

Course dates: Wed 31 Jan – Wed 13 Mar

Week 1-6 every Wed, 7-9pm

Week 7: Comedy Graduates performance

Course fee: £80

Introduction to Stand-Up Comedy with Kevin Precious

Always fancied trying your hand at stand-up comedy but never got around to it? Or maybe, you're thinking stand-up would be a great way to boost your presentation skills, improve the business of public speaking or add a comedic aspect to your writing? Well now's your chance to get stuck in. Our 7-week course is designed to be a comprehensive introduction to writing and performing stand-up comedy, and culminates with each participant getting the opportunity to perform their first gig.

Hull Truck Theatre's Comedy Graduates

Wed 13 Mar, 7pm

Tickets: £8

As part of their seven-week stand-up comedy course with comedian Kevin Precious, our graduates embark on their first 5-minute sets. This is a great opportunity to support a range of new comedians at the start of their comedy journeys at an event compered by a professional comedian. You never know, you may be the first to witness a star of the future.

May

Hull Truck Theatre

Family Open Day 2024

In association with the Albemarle Music Centre

Saturday 11th May, 11am – 3pm

Join Hull Truck Theatre and the Albemarle Music Centre as we open our doors for a FREE event full of activities and fun for the whole family to enjoy.

January

Fri 5 Jan, 2.30pm & 4.30pm

Sat 6 Jan, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

The Herd Theatre presents

Snowmen

For ages 2-7

Two snowmen are on a mission not to melt when they discover their perfect home, an ice arena. It's cold, the music's great and the slushies taste delicious. They just need to remember one thing, they can't be discovered by the humans. With a caretaker lurking around every corner, the snowmen must do everything they can to hold onto their new home and not melt. This winter The Herd brings you a joyful new show about friendship, home and hope. Packed with visual comedy and told with a handful of words, Snowmen is the perfect winter treat for 2-7 year olds and their families.

Fri 12 – Sat 13 Jan, 7.30pm

Tickets: £25.50

Handshake Ltd presents

Oh What A Night!

Oh What A Night! takes you back in time on a musical journey through the incredible career of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. Featuring songs; Sherry, Let's Hang On, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, and many, many more. Don't miss the ultimate celebration of one of the world's greatest Rock & Roll bands!

Sat 20 Jan, 7.30pm

Tickets: £23.50, conc. £2 off

One Entertainment presents

Time Of Our Lives

Travel back in time to the electric 80's! An era of memorable movies and timeless tunes! Re-live the soundtrack of a generation as The Time of Our Lives brings you a cocktail of the BEST 80's music and movie soundtracks! With charts hits including Club Tropicana, Rio, Video Killed the Radio Star, Relax, Little Respect to

name a few! Grab the popcorn and sing along to the unforgettable classics from Back to the Future, Footloose, Top Gun, Dirty Dancing and more! This really is the dream 80's mix tape!

"We came out still buzzing, a fabulous evening of nostalgia, and one not to be missed" - audience member

Sat 27 Jan, 7.30pm

Tickets: £21.50

Broadway to Hollywood: The Cole Porter Songbook

BBC Proms regular, vocalist Matt Ford, presents an evening of music and song from one of the 20th Century's most celebrated composers - Cole Porter. Join Matt Ford, alongside a trio of world-class musicians - including pianist Matt Regan - for an intimate musical journey.

February

Fri 2 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Arts La'Olam presents

Mama Afrika

Zimbabwean born singer, musician and storyteller Anna Mudeka tells the remarkable life story of an iconic South African singer, songwriter and civil rights activist, charting her rise from the townships of Johannesburg to global star, forced into exile for her stand against apartheid and marginalised for championing Black rights. Told in four character incarnations chronicling a life blighted by hardship, tragedy and struggle, Mama Afrika the story of hope, determination and song features many best loved songs including Mbube, Pata Pata and Soweto Blues, embodying an irrepressible spirit and integrity and which earned her legendary status.

Recommended Age: 8+

Sat 3 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50 - £16.50, conc. £3 off

As SHE Likes It

Kiss the Hollywood happy ending goodbye! *As SHE Likes It* is inspired by the story of #MeToo pioneer Patricia Douglas. A darkly comedic explosion of multimedia, verbatim, cabaret and drag.

Recommended Age: 13+

Thu 8 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50, conc. £3 off

Barrie Rutter's Shakespeare's Royals

Join Barrie Rutter OBE to celebrate the Bard's Kings & Queens – their achievements, conquests and foibles – with anecdotes and memories from a career of playing and directing Shakespeare's Royals, with Northern Broadsides and beyond, all over the world.

Tue 13 – Thu 15 Feb, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: £14.50

ABA Productions, Nonsense Room Productions & Macrobert Arts Centre proudly present

Shark in the Park

Timothy Pope is looking through his telescope – but wait, is that a Shark, in the Park!?

From the creative team behind *The Hairy Maclary show* and *You Choose* - see all 3 of Nick Sharratt's *Shark in the Park* books live on Stage! Featuring all three of the '*Shark in the Park*' Series – *Shark in the Park*, *Shark in the Dark* and *Shark in the Park on a Windy Day* – this fin-tastic, family musical follows Timothy Pope (and his telescope!) on three exciting adventures...

“Nick Sharratt’s clever and simple keyhole books for early years have had a triumphant makeover for the stage.” – The Stage

“Another foot tapping musical delight of show.” - Edinburgh Festival For Kids

Recommended Age: 2+

Fri 16 Feb, 3.30pm

Tickets: £18.50, conc. £1 off

Family ticket: £68

Mark Thompson Productions present

Ministry Of Science Live!

Science Saved the World

Direct from London's West End, over the last few years science lead the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team are back and more explosive than ever! Join our presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in with a few loud bangs along the way! Expect 20ft LIQUID NITROGEN clouds, exploding OXYGEN & HYDROGEN balloons, FIRE TORNADOS, HYDROGEN bottle rockets, ignited METHANE and even a self-built Hovercraft!

Recommended Age: 5+

Fri 16 – Sat 17 Feb, 8pm
Tickets: Pay What You Can

Apocalypse Now Then

By Dave Lee

The council want to demolish Mick McGill's house, but they haven't reckoned on the West Hull Irregulars, Mick's own private army. Self-styled 'major' McGill is willing to use all his resources (including, if required, his tank) to prevent his family being uprooted from their home and moved to a new housing estate. This new comedy will be performed script-in-hand.

Sat 17 Feb, 7.30pm
Tickets: £21

Snake Davis Band Classic Sax Solos

Back on the road in 2024 Sax-man Snake and his five-piece band are fired up and SO looking forward to this. An instrumental solo can break hearts, lift spirits, even change lives.

Wed 21 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £24, conc. £3 off

Rave On

Rave On is a musical experience like no other, with leading performers from West End Productions *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Million Dollar Quartet* and *Dreamboats & Petticoats*, *Rave On* transports you back to the fabulous 50's and swinging 60's in stunningly authentic style.

Thu 22 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £24

Whole Lotta Shakin': The Shakin' Stevens Story

Fully endorsed by members of Shaky's own family, the Award-Winning tribute to the UK's biggest selling singles artist of the 1980's - *WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN'-THE SHAKIN' STEVENS STORY* is a nostalgic celebration, jam packed with feel-good Rock 'n' Roll!

Thu 22 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Lee Martin for Gag Reflex presents

Aaron Simmonds: Baby Steps

Discover the positive side of being disabled, from having a blue badge to sex in disabled toilets, meeting “Jesus” and everything in between.

“Simmonds is hysterically funny...a great show.”

★★★★ Voice

Recommended Age: 16+

Fri 23 Feb, 2pm

Sat 24 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £16.50, conc. £3 off

A Tale of Two Cities

The Derby of Words and Song

Hull KR vs Hull FC

Written by Rob Bell

This is a night for fans of the game; those interested in how sport can be the community glue that binds and, can stand up to be counted on issues far beyond an

oval ball. This is the Derby of words and song. Not to be missed!

Sat 24 Feb, 8pm

Tickets: £14

Off The Kerb Productions present

Daniel Foxx: Villain

Fresh from a complete sell-out extended run at the Edinburgh Fringe, award-winning gossip and TikTok starlet Daniel Foxx brings his sensational show - *Villain* - about childhood, Tilda Swinton and bullying (but in a chic way).

Recommended Age: 14+

Wed 28 Feb, 7.30pm

Tickets: £24, conc. £3 off

RBM Comedy presents

Miles Jupp: On I Bang...

Since Miles' last tour finished, he's been in *The Full Monty* on Disney Plus, *The Durrells* and *Why Didn't*

They Ask Evans? as well as many episodes of *Frankie Boyle's New World Order* and *Have I Got News For You*. His new show *On / Bang* is a tale about surprise, fear, luck, love and qualified medical practitioners.

Recommended Age: 16+

Thu 29 Feb, 7.30pm
Tickets £24, conc. £3 off

King For A Day: The Nat King Cole Story

Featuring world-class live music, alongside narration and projected archive images, this is the unique concert celebrating one of the greatest vocalists and entertainers of the Twentieth Century: Nat King Cole. Featuring all his best-known numbers, such as *Nature Boy*, *Unforgettable* and *When I Fall in Love*.

March

Fri 1 – Sat 2 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Sam Danson and Emmerson & Ward present

Bi-Topia

By Sam Danson

A hilarious, honest and raw coming-of-age story, exploring the highs and lows of the Bisexual experience, bravely delving into under-represented links between poor mental health, sexuality and masculinity.

Recommended Age: 14+

Tue 5 – Sat 9 Mar, 7.30pm

Matinees: 6 & 9 Mar, 2pm

Tickets: £22.50 - £16.50, conc. £3 off

Pilot Theatre in association with Northern Stage and
York Theatre Royal present

A Song For Ella Grey

Written by Zoe Cooper

Based on the novel by David Almond

Directed by Esther Richardson

“A darkly romantic tale that sings of the madness of youth and the ache of love.”

This new production is a magical retelling of the Orpheus myth, full of music, sound and storytelling. Claire and her best friend, Ella Grey, are ordinary kids from ordinary families in an ordinary world. They and their friends fall in and out of love, play music and dance, stare at the stars, yearn for excitement, and have parties on the beautiful beaches of Northumberland. One day a stranger, a musician called Orpheus, appears on the beach, and entrances them all but particularly Ella. A tale of modern friends and ancient forces, a tale told since the dawn of time and told again today.

Recommended Age: 13+

Part of the Drama Deal

Wed 13 Mar, 7.30pm

Tickets: £27, conc. £3 off

Something About George: The George Harrison Story

A musical biopic tribute about the so-called “quiet” Beatle is back following its hugely successful 2023 tour which celebrated what would have been George’s 80th birthday. Featuring all his biggest hit songs.

Recommended Age: 13+

Fri 15 Mar, 7.30pm

Tickets: £18.50

Lloyd Griffith: Baroque and Roll

Fresh from supporting Jack Whitehall on his 2023 UK arena tour, comedian Lloyd Griffith is back with a brand-new show *Baroque and Roll*. It’s a big year for Lloyd, he’s turning 40 and with it, the impending midlife crisis! It’ll be funny and yes, there’ll be the odd song or two from that magnificent voice of his.

Recommended Age: 16+

Sat 26 Mar, 8pm

Tickets: £13.50

Impatient Productions present

Alison Spittle: Soup

Comedian du jour Alison Spittle is simmering with jokes and probably rage, she doesn't know what the burning sensation is. This silly goose is the co-host of BBC Sounds' hugely popular *Wheel of Misfortune* podcast with Kerry Katona and was voted one of British Comedy Guide's best reviewed artists of the Fringe.

Recommended Age: 14+

Sat 16 Mar, 7.30pm

Tickets: £30

Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company presents

Andalucia-Flamenco

The award-winning company presents its long-awaited second production, a stunning flamenco production accompanied by a chamber orchestra. Unique, innovative, spellbinding and where the stunning beauty of classical music meets the passion and fire of flamenco.

Tue 19 – Sat 23 Mar, 7.30pm

Matinees: 20 & 23 Mar, 2pm

Tickets: £22.50 - £16.50, conc. £3 off

Blackeyed Theatre presents the 60th anniversary tour of Joan Littlewood's musical entertainment

Oh What A Lovely War

By Theatre Workshop, Charles Chiltern, Gerry Raffles and members of the original cast

Roll up, Roll up! And take your seat for the ever-popular 'War Game'!

A cornerstone of modern musical theatre and one of the very greatest stage satires, *Oh What A Lovely War* is an extraordinary theatrical journey bringing to life the folly, farce and tragedy of the First World War.

Wildly satirical, visually stunning and deeply moving, it's the musical that revolutionised modern theatre; an exhilarating, no-holds-barred assault on the military incompetence and inconceivable disregard for human life the First World War has come to represent.

Packed with timeless songs, razor-sharp satire and high jinks, *Oh What A Lovely War* is a hilarious, heart-breaking snapshot of life for those caught in the crossfire of conflict, a unanimous voice from the

trenches and a timely warning from the theatre of war itself. Now, more than ever, it holds a mirror up to the world and speaks to us all.

“Magnificent... Extraordinary” - The Stage

Recommended Age: 11+

Part of the Drama Deal

Wed 27 Mar, 12.30pm & 3.30pm

Thu 28 Mar, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Archipelago Arts Collective presents

Contrary Mary and The Magic of the Garden

Contrary Mary and the Magic of the Garden is an interactive family adventure with live music and games suitable for all ages (including grown-ups!). Join Mary as the plants in her garden come to life and she learns about how everything in the garden has its own way to grow, including her! Come outside and play, feel the grass beneath your feet!

There is a 25 min stay and play after the show.

Recommended Age: 3+

April

Tue 9 – Wed 10 Apr, 1pm & 7pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

RSC First Encounters with Shakespeare

Romeo & Juliet

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Philip J Morris

A gatecrashed party. A chance meeting. Love at first sight. When Romeo meets Juliet, the world around them melts away. But then reality kicks in; their families are enemies, and they will never be allowed to stay together. With the world against them, they hatch a plan to escape the lives they were born into. But fate has other ideas. This 90-minute version of Romeo and Juliet uses an edited version of the original language to create the perfect first introduction for young people aged 7-13 and their families.

Fri 5 Apr, 8pm

Tickets: £17, conc. £2 off

Plosive Live in association with Ebdon Management
presents

Jessica Fosterkew: Mettle

A brand new stand-up show about passion, pace and purpose from the critically acclaimed star of BBC's *QI*, *Live at the Apollo* and C4's *Travel Man*.

★★★★ Guardian

Recommended Age: 14+

Fri 26 Apr, 8pm

Tickets £17, conc. £2 off

Plosive Live presents

Paul Foot: Dissolve

Following a sold out Edinburgh Fringe run, multi-award-winning and trail-blazing comedian, Paul Foot, is back on tour with the critically acclaimed Dissolve, his most personal, surprising and ground-breaking show ever.

★★★★★ Chortle

Recommended Age: 16+

May

Wed 1 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: £19

Avalon Promotions Ltd. presents

Matt Forde: Inside No. 10

Matt Forde (*Spitting Image, HIGNFY, British Scandal, The Last Leg, The Royal Variety Performance*) explores the dark comedy horror that is British politics, ahead of the next election. Plus silly voices.

“Possibly the best political comedy show on the Fringe” ★★★★★ The Telegraph

Recommended Age: 14+

Sat 4 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: £20

Moore Enterprise presents

Alfie Moore: A Face for Radio

Thirty years of shift-work, and being punched in the face, had left ‘Fair Cop’ Alfie with a ‘face for radio’. A

face not so much 'lived in' as inhabited by squatters with little regard to property maintenance! A surprising career shift turned middle-aged Alfie from street cop to BBC radio star. But when TV fame beckoned could he grasp it or was it past it?

Recommended Age: 14+

Wed 15 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: £27, conc. £3 off

Barry Collings Entertainment presents

Coldplace

The world's leading tribute to Coldplay is a stunning live concert performance, celebrating the music of one of the most successful bands of all time. The only tribute to have worked for Coldplay, this outstanding band leads you through all your favourite Coldplay hits from the last 20+ years including *Yellow*, *Paradise* and *A Sky Full of Stars*.

Fri 17 May 7.30pm

Tickets: £20

Avalon Promotions Ltd. presents

John Kearns: The Varnishing Days

The Varnishing Days is the heart-stopping, glasses-dropping, hard-rocking, wig-shaking, levothyroxine-taking, knee-knocking, boot-licking, justifying, teeth rattling, digressing new show from stand-up comedian to the stars John Kearns.

“The finest set of his career... what a show”

★★★★★ The Guardian

Recommended Age: 14+

Sat 18 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: £29.50, conc. £3 off

Emilio Santoro as Elvis

Internationally acclaimed, Emilio Santoro brings his award-winning Elvis Presley theatre show to the UK.

Emilio has won both European and World

Championships as Elvis and wowed *America's Got*

Talent viewers with his appearance in the 2022 Final.

Thu 23 May, 8pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Root & Branch Productions present

Danny Echo

Young widow Rachael is torn apart by what happened on the final day of her husband Danny's life. A controversial scientist offers her an AI replica, but it can only be programmed for one day...

Recommended Age: 14+

Fri 24 May, 8pm

Tickets: £14.50, conc. £2 off

Avalon Promotions Ltd. presents

Steve Bugeja: Self Doubt (I Think)

The creator and star of ITV2's hit sitcom, *Buffering*, is back on the road following a sell-out 2022 tour and a critically acclaimed run at the 2023 Edinburgh fringe festival. He's appeared on *Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), *Zoe Ball On Sunday* (ITV), *Love Island: Aftersun* (ITV2) and hosted BBC Radio 4's *Economics With Subtitles*. This year he's discussing babies, eye tests and the time he went on holiday with 20 women.

Recommended Age: 14+

June

Sat 15 Jun, 2.30pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Family ticket: £40

Impatient Productions present

The Kids' Show

Join best friends Rachel and Ruby for a kids' comedy show that's fun for all the family! Full of sketches, songs, pranks and silliness. Rachel and Ruby use physical comedy and silly characters to bring sketch comedy to children of all ages – a fun way to explore emotions, friendship and shyness.

★★★★ “Sketch comedy for kids ... Shelf pull it off with brio.” Guardian

Winner: Best Kids' Show, 2023 Leicester Comedy Festival.

Over one million views on BBC Three.

Recommended Age: 3+

Sat 15 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: £13.50, conc. £2 off

Impatient Productions presents

Teenage Men

In their last show, Hair, Shelf joked about being mistaken for teenage boys. Now, it's time to grow up. It's time to stop being teenage boys and start being teenage men. This new show from the 'easy to fall in love with' (Scotsman) double-act features anecdotes, songs, jokes about performing for kids, the Instagram algorithm, confronting your toxicity, and more.

As seen on BBC3 and ITVX.

Founders of the LOL Word.

★★★★ "Nuanced and fresh" - Guardian

★★★★ "Impossible not to have fun in their company"
- Chortle

Recommended Age: 14+

Wed 12 – Sat 15 Jun, 7.30pm

Matinee: 15 Jun, 2pm

Tickets: £22.50 - £16.50, conc. £3 off

John Godber Company in association with Hull Truck Theatre and Cast, Doncaster

Happy Jack

By John Godber

Starring John Godber & Jane Thornton

The hilarious, touching and political *Happy Jack* is brought especially to Hull Truck Theatre starring BAFTA and multi-award-winning couple John Godber and Jane Thornton.

Capturing the ups and downs of ordinary working-class family life – at the coal face, in the pit village, on the donkeys and by the fireside, this was John Godber's very first play, written when he was 25.

He will be joined by wife Jane Thornton (*Scary Bikers*, *Shafted*, *Sunny Side Up*) in the show which brought them together over 40 years ago.

This production is in celebration of miners and their wives all over the world, but especially in Yorkshire.

Recommended Age: 13+

Part of the Drama Deal

Tue 18 – Sat 22 Jun, 7.30pm

Matinee: 22 Jun, 2pm

Tickets: £17

Beverley Musical Theatre presents

Kinky Boots

Charlie Price is in need of a miracle. Lola might just be the angel he's been waiting for.

After inheriting his father's failing Northampton shoe factory, these two unlikely friends set out on a joyous and uplifting journey to save the family business.

Pull up your most fabulous boots for a drag-filled night of fun in this hit musical inspired by a true story.

Book by Harvey Fierstein and music by pop icon Cyndi Lauper.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

July

Wed 17 – Sat 20 Jul, 7.30pm

Matinees: 18 & 20 Jul, 2pm

Tickets £17

Northern Academy of Performing Arts presents

Calamity Jane

Get ready for a wild and rowdy ride as NAPA returns to Hull Truck Theatre with their production of the iconic Doris Day musical *Calamity Jane*!

Our gunslinging, headstrong, heroine, “Calam”, can outrun and outshoot any man in Deadwood. She is hard, boastful, and desperate to impress, but the local men in town can’t take her seriously. Unbeknownst to any of them, she harbours a secret passion for army officer, Danny Gilmartin.

So, saddle up and join us as we transport you to the heart of the Wild West.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Wed 24 – Sat 27 Jul, 7.30pm

Matinee: Thu 25 Jul, 2pm

Tickets: £17, conc. £3 off

State of the Arts Academy presents

Oliver!

Hull's own State of the Arts Academy presents *OLIVER!* by special arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh.

Consider yourself at home with Lionel Bart's musical based on Charles Dickens' classic tale, where the streets of Victorian England are brought to life in this multi award-winning show!

This amateur production is presented by Music Theatre International.

Sat 27 Jul, 8pm

Tickets: £17, conc. £2 off

The Snake Davis Trio

With Johnny Thirkell

And Mark Creswell

Snake teams up with long time cohort and best buddy Johnny Thirkell and their mutual friend guitarist Mark

Creswell to create gorgeous mellow music infused with jazz soul and pop.

Expect beautiful music, fascinating tales, banter and opportunity for question and answer.

“Snake Davis has one of the most passionate sax styles and simple bluesy approaches a-la-Sanborn heard in these isles for a while” - TIME OUT.

Hull Truck Screen

Screening the best art and independent cinema from around the world.

The Godber Studio hosts a state-of-the-art screen and sound system streaming live broadcasts from the Royal Shakespeare Company and National Theatre Live amongst others.

These screenings run alongside our season in partnership with Hull Independent Cinema (HIC) – book your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Films & Screenings

Thu 25 Jan, 7pm

National Theatre Live: *Dear England*

Fri 23 Feb, 7pm

National Theatre Live: *Vanya*

Tue 26 Mar, 7.15pm

Royal Opera House: *Madama Butterfly*

Sat 27 Apr, 2pm

Royal Ballet: *Swan Lake*

Sat 4 May, 2pm

Royal Opera House: *Carmen*

Wed 22 May, 7.15pm

Royal Ballet: *The Winter's Tale*

Thu 30 May, 7.15pm

Message in a Bottle

Tue 18 Jun, 2pm

Royal Opera House: *Andrea Chernier*

Further dates and titles to be announced soon – check www.hulltruck.co.uk for more info and sign up to the mailing list.